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In re Patent Application of )  
Noriyuki ICHIKAWA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3731  
Application No.: 09/717,236 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: November 22, 2000 )  
For: CATHETER AND METHOD FOR )  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following five documents were cited in a Search Report recently issued by the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

- U.S. Patent No. 4,554,034.
- U.S. Patent No. 5,176,637.
- U.S. Patent No. 5,178,803.
- U.S. Patent No. 5,288,350.
- U.S. Patent No. 5,496,275.

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communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than 30 (thirty) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, four the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the four documents are enclosed. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,496,275 was previously submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 22, 2001. A copy of this document is not enclosed at this time, nor is it listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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